

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 15-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 are allowed. Claims 15-25 are subject to Restriction Requirement. With this Response, claims 16-25 are elected for prosecution without traverse. Claim 15 is withdrawn without prejudice.

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement dated August 3, 2006, and as clarified by the Examiner during a telephone conversation on August 29, 2006, Applicants are required to elect one of the following claim groups for prosecution:

- I. Species of the embodiment disclosed in claim 15, on page 27, lines 24-26, page 28, lines 1-10; and
- II. Species of the embodiment disclosed in claims 16-25 on page 28, lines 10-23.

In response to the Restriction Requirement and in order to facilitate the prosecution of this application, Applicants herein elect Group II for examination in this application without traverse and without prejudice. Applicants have also amended claims 16-25 to more particularly define the invention. No new subject matter has been added. Support for the amendments to these claims may be found, for example, at page 162, line 9 to page 163, line 6.

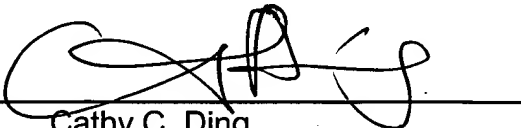
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